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Attention: Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am filing the following written comments to you in accordance with Docket No. 2005-385-E – Order No. 2006-680 on the consideration of implementing the requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

I support the federal government's plan for net metering for the following reasons:

1. Our current reliance on fossil fuels (including coal, petroleum, and natural gas) is unsustainable in the long run.
2. A major portion of our petroleum comes from areas of the world that are highly unstable and/or hostile to the United States.
3. 65% of energy used in South Carolina is produced by burning fossil fuels.
4. South Carolina ranks third in per capita consumption of electricity and fourth in per capita consumption of motor fuel.
5. Our heavy reliance on fossil fuels promotes global warming which, among other things, has already caused the increased intensity of hurricanes and in the future will ~~begin to~~ cause the inundation of our coastal areas resulting in disruption of lives and commerce.
6. Net metering allows individuals, businesses, and organizations to produce their own renewable energy, e. g., solar, wind, & biofuel, to tie into the electric grid, and to sell some of the excess electricity they produce) to the local or regional electric utility.
7. Net metering provides a significant financial incentive to us to change the way we generate electricity and to lower fossil fuel emissions.
8. Net metering has already been successfully implemented in 41 states.
9. Through the use of external disconnect switches, net metering poses no danger to utility company line workers.

I strongly encourage the Public Service Commission to set net metering as the standard for the public utilities that it regulates.

Sincerely,

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